

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA-2012-0030]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that by a document dated March 1, 2012, the City of Sacramento, CA (City), has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR Part 222. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA-2012-0030.

The City is seeking a waiver from the provisions of 49 CFR Section 222.9, the definition of a non-traversable curb, so that an existing public crossing, Elkhorn Boulevard (DOT #833694G), can be deemed an acceptable supplementary safety measure (SSM). The Elkhorn Boulevard crossing is equipped with flashing lights, gates, and medians that comply with all of the requirements necessary to be an SSM with non-traversable curbs; except for the fact that the posted highway speed limit is 45 mph instead of 40 mph, as required in the definition.

The City is also seeking approval of an engineering alternative safety measure (ASM) at West El Camino Avenue (DOT #833688D). This request for approval of an ASM is dismissed without prejudice, as 49 CFR Section 222.39(b) provides the process by which ASMs are approved.

A copy of the petition, as well as any written communications concerning the petition, is available for review online at www.regulations.gov and in person at the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Docket Operations Facility, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590. The Docket Operations Facility is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Web site: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- Fax: 202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Operations Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., W12-140, Washington, D.C. 20590.
- Hand Delivery: 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Room W12-140, Washington,
 D.C. 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Communications received by [INSERT DATE 45 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE] will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable.

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Anyone is able to search the electronic form of any written communications and

comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the

comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business,

labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the

Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477-78),

or online at http://www.dot.gov/privacy.html.

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